# Upper Snake Exceptions

#### **FAMILY FISHING WATERS IN GREEN!**

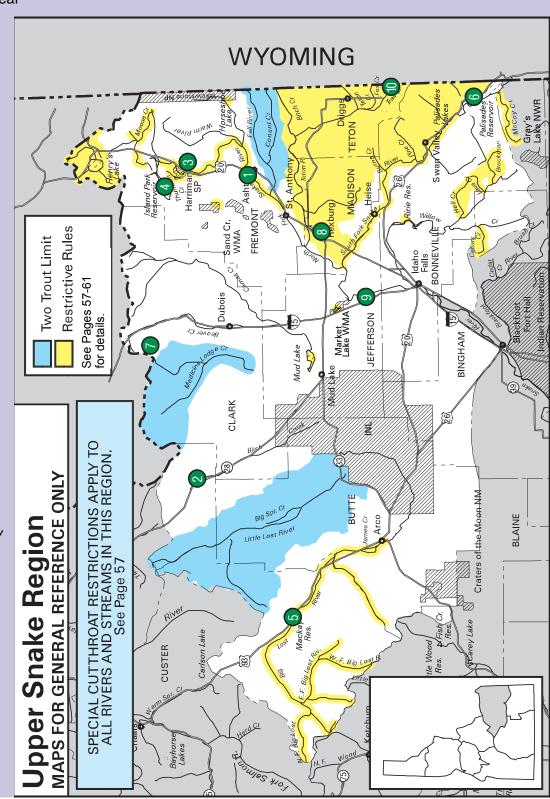
- Simple regulations.
- Year-round season
- · Limit of six trout and six bass
- No limit on other species
- No length limits
- Standard fishing gear

#### **UPPER SNAKE REGION**

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## FAMILY FISHING WATERS

- 1 Ashton Reservoir
- 2 Birch Creek
- 3 East Harriman Fish Pond
- 4 Island Park Reservoir
- 5 Mackay Reservoir
- 6 Palisades Reservoir
- 7 Paul Reservoir
- 8 Rexburg City Ponds
- 9 Roberts Gravel Pond\*
- 10 Trail Creek Pond
- \* Electric motors only



## **Upper Snake Region**

### STATEWIDE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS THAT APPLY IN THE UPPER SNAKE REGION

The following bag and possession limits apply except as modified in "REGION EXCEPTIONS," listed below.

• Bag and possession limits are defined on page 10.

| SPECIES  |             | BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS   |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|---|--|--|--|
| BASS (Largemouth and Smallmouth)   | 6*          | In the aggregate of both species, NONE under 12 inches.   |  |  |  |
| BROOK TROUT  | 25          |   |  |  |  |
| BULL TROUT   | NONE        | There is no harvest season for bull trout. Any bull trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.                      |  |  |  |
| CUTTHROAT TROUT  |             | In all rivers and streams, EXCEPT as noted below, the general trout limit may include ONLY 2 cutthroat, none under 16 inches; barbless hooks recommended. |  |  |  |
| STURGEON (See page 33.)  | NONE        | There is no harvest season for sturgeon. Any sturgeon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. Barbless hooks required. |  |  |  |
| TIGER MUSKIE   | 2*          | NONE under 40 inches.   |  |  |  |
| <b>TROUT</b> (does not include brook or bull trout. See cutthroat trout rule above.)   | 6*          | In the aggregate of all trout species (see Magic Valley,<br>Southeast and Upper Snake Regions for special cutthroat trout<br>restrictions).               |  |  |  |
| Includes the following trout family fishes: brown, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), rainbow, splake and sunapee trout; trout hybrids; Arctic grayling; and the landlocked forms of Chinook, coho, Atlantic and kokanee (blueback) salmon. |             | restrictions).  |  |  |  |
| WHITEFISH  | 25          | See Upper Snake regional exceptions (Big Lost River).   |  |  |  |
| PROTECTED NONGAME FISH   | NONE        | May not be harvested or possessed.  |  |  |  |
| Includes the following: leatherside chub.  |             |   |  |  |  |
| All species other than those listed above  | NO<br>LIMIT | Includes bullfrogs and crayfish (see game fish page 10).  |  |  |  |
| * Illegal to transport without head and tail attached  | d.          |   |  |  |  |

#### STATEWIDE SEASONS THAT APPLY IN THE UPPER SNAKE REGION

- APPLY TO ALL WATERS IN THE REGION EXCEPT AS LISTED IN "REGION EXCEPTIONS" BELOW.
- LAKES, PONDS and RESERVOIRS (including alpine lakes): Extends ONLY to the edge of flat waters, excluding small, unnamed irrigation diversion ponds, beaver ponds and mill ponds—OPEN ALL YEAR.
- DITCHES and CANALS: Man-made structures used to transport water for irrigation or hydropower purposes—OPEN ALL YEAR.
- RIVERS and STREAMS: Small, unnamed irrigation diversion ponds, beaver ponds and mill ponds have the same season as the river or stream on which they are located—Open Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through November 30.

2010: May 29 - November 30.

WINTER STREAM SEASON IN THE UPPER SNAKE REGION IS FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31.

## WINTER STREAM SEASON (see page 8) APPLIES ONLY IN:

• Big Lost River and its tributaries • Fall River and its tributaries • Teton River • Warm River

#### **FAMILY FISHING WATERS:**

Ashton Reservoir, Birch Creek, East Harriman Fish Pond, Island Park Reservoir, Mackay Reservoir, Palisades Reservoir, Paul Reservoir, Rexburg City Ponds, Roberts Gravel Pond\*, and Trail Creek Pond.

\* Electric Motors Only — Gas motor may be attached to boat, but may not be used while fishing.

## Upper Snak Exceptions

## **Upper Snake Region Exceptions**

General Fishing Seasons, Dates, Possession Limits and Rules apply to all waters within the Upper Snake Region except as listed below.

|  |                                 | Daily                   |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Water  | Species                         | Bag Limit<br>Exceptions | Exceptions to General Seasons                        | Special Rules  |
| BEAVER CREEK, downstream from the county bridge at Spencer (Clark County).                                   |                                 |                         | Open all year.                                       | - F  |
| BIG LOST RIVER, and its tributaries  | Whitefish                       | 0                       |  | No person shall take, have in possession, trap, seine, or use any live or dead fish or fish parts for bait while fishing in the Big Lost River drainage.  Catch-and-release. |
| BIG LOST RIVER, mainstem Big Lost<br>River and James Creek from INL<br>boundary upstream to Moore Diversion. | Villensii                       | ļ <sup>2</sup>          | Open all year.                                       | Catch-and-release.   |
| BIRCH CREEK  |                                 |                         | Open all year.                                       | Family Fishing Water   |
| BROCKMAN CREEK, and its tributaries (Willow Creek drainage).   |                                 |                         | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 |  |
| BURNS CREEK, and its tributaries.  | Cutthroat                       | 0                       | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 | Catch-and-release.   |
| CAMAS CREEK, and its tributaries.  | Cutthroat<br>and<br>other trout | 6                       |  | No size restriction.   |
| <b>DRY BEDS</b> , beginning at Great Feeder Irrigation Diversion.  | Cutthroat<br>and other<br>trout | 6                       | Open all year.                                       | No size restriction.   |
| From the Highway 48 bridge upstream to the Union Pacific Railroad bridge 1.5 miles northeast of Ririe.       | Cutthroat<br>and other<br>trout | 6                       | Open all year.                                       | May take fish with dip nets, or by snagging or hand Apr 1 — Apr 30. No size restriction.   |
| FALL RIVER, and its tributaries.   | Trout                           | 2                       |  |  |
| FISH CREEK (Harriman State Park).  |                                 |                         |  | Fly fishing only. See pg.11.   |
| FISHPOLE LAKE  | Trout                           | 2                       |  | None under 20"   |
| <b>FOX CREEK</b> , and its tributaries (Teton River Drainage).   | Cutthroat                       | 0                       | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 | Catch-and-release  |
| GOLDEN LAKE (Harriman State Park).   |                                 |                         | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| HATCHERY CREEK (Fremont County at Henrys Lake).  |                                 |                         | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| <b>HELL CREEK</b> , and its tributaries (Willow Creek drainage).   |                                 |                         | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 |  |
| <b>HENRYS FORK</b> (see Snake River, North (Henrys) Fork).   |                                 |                         |  |  |
| <b>HENRYS LAKE</b> , that portion of the lake within the posted boundaries of Staley Spring.                 |                                 |                         | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| That portion of the lake within 100 yards of Hatchery Creek as posted.                                       |                                 |                         | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| Remainder of lake.   |                                 |                         | Open Saturday<br>of Memorial Day<br>weekend — Nov 30 | Fishing may not continue after trout limit has been reduced to possession.   |
|  | Trout and<br>Brook trout        | 2                       |  | Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.  |

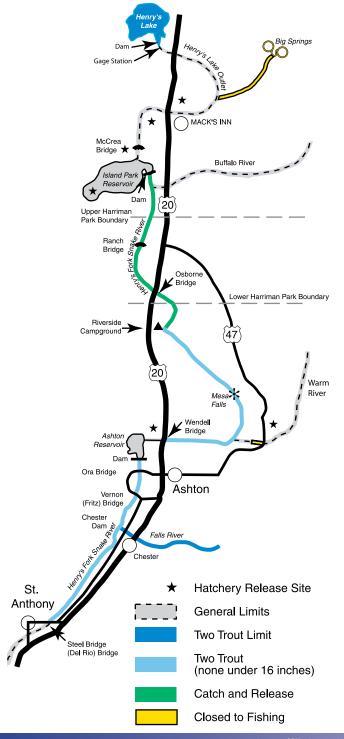
|  |                          | Daily                |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Water  | Species                  | Bag Limit Exceptions | Exceptions to General Seasons                        | Special Rules  |
|  |                          |                      |  | - <b>,</b>   |
| HENRYS LAKE OUTLET, from Henrys<br>Lake downstream to the USGS Gauge<br>Station (approximately 400 yards).   |                          |                      | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| HENRYS LAKE TRIBUTARIES, all except Hatchery Creek.  Hatchery Creek.   | Trout and<br>Brook trout | 2                    | Open Jul 1 — Nov 30  Closed to fishing.              | Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.  |
| HORSESHOE LAKE (Fremont County).   |                          |                      | Olocod to norming.                                   | No motors.   |
| JEFFERSON COUNTY, all waters.  |                          |                      | Open all year.                                       |  |
| LAVA CREEK, and its tributaries (Willow Creek drainage).   |                          |                      | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 |  |
| LITTLE LOST RIVER, and its tributaries.  | Trout                    | 2                    |  |  |
| LONG LAKE  | Trout                    | 2                    |  | None under 20".  |
| MARKET LAKE WILDLIFE<br>MANAGEMENT AREA  |                          |                      | Open all year.                                       | No boats, rafts, or float tubes<br>Mar 1 — July 15.  |
| McCOY CREEK  | Cutthroat                | 2                    | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 | None under 16".  |
| MEDICINE LODGE CREEK, and all tributaries.   | Trout                    | 2                    |  |  |
| MOOSE CREEK, and its tributaries (Fremont County).   |                          |                      | Open Saturday<br>of Memorial Day<br>weekend — Aug 15 |  |
| MUD LAKE, west of the posted boundary which runs north and south from McKenzie Point.  |                          |                      |  | No boats, rafts, or float tubes<br>Mar 1 — July 15.  |
| <b>PALISADES CREEK</b> , and its tributaries.  | Cutthroat                | 0                    | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 | Catch-and-release.   |
| PALISADES LAKES, UPPER AND LOWER (Palisades Creek drainage).   | Trout                    | 2                    | Open Saturday<br>of Memorial Day<br>weekend — Nov 30 |  |
| PINE CREEK, and its tributaries.   |                          |                      | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 |  |
|  | Cutthroat                | 0                    |  | Catch-and-release.   |
| RAINEY CREEK, and its tributaries  | Cutthroat                | 0                    | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 | Catch-and-release.   |
| RIRIE RESERVOIR  |                          |                      |  | Ice fishing is restricted to the area from the dam to the posted boundary approximately 1 mile upstream. |
| ROBERTS GRAVEL POND  |                          |                      |  | Electric motors only.  |
| SAND CREEK WILDLIFE<br>MANAGEMENT AREA   |                          |                      | Open Saturday<br>of Memorial Day<br>weekend — Nov 30 | Motorized watercraft prohibited.<br>No boats, rafts or float tubes<br>before July 1.                     |
| SELLARS CREEK, and its tributaries (Willow Creek drainage).  |                          |                      | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                 |  |
| SILVER LAKE (Harriman State Park).   |                          |                      | Closed to fishing.                                   |  |
| SNAKE RIVER, from American Falls<br>Reservoir upstream to the confluence<br>of the North (Henrys) and South Forks<br>(see Southeast Region for additional<br>information). |                          |                      | Open all year.                                       |  |

|  |                           | Daily                   |   |  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Water  | Species                   | Bag Limit<br>Exceptions | Exceptions to General Seasons                         | Special Rules  |
| SNAKE RIVER, NORTH (HENRYS) FORK (tributaries listed separately).  |                           |                         |   | See map page 61.   |
| From its mouth upstream to Del Rio Bridge.   | Trout                     | 6                       | Open all year.  |  |
| From Del Rio Bridge upstream to Vernon (Fritz) Bridge.   | Trout                     | †                       | Open all year.  | No motors.   |
| From Vernon (Fritz) Bridge upstream to Ashton Dam.   | <u>Irout</u> _            | 2                       | General stream season.                                | None under 16".<br>No motors.                                  |
|  | Trout                     | 2                       |   | None under 16".  |
| From Ashton Dam to Highway 20 (Wendell) Bridge.  | Trout                     | 6                       | Open all year.  |  |
| From Highway 20 (Wendell) Bridge upstream to the posted boundary upstream of the Riverside campground.                           | Trout                     | 2                       | Open all year.  | No motors.  None under 16".                                    |
| From the posted boundary upstream of the Riverside Campground upstream   |                           | † †                     | General stream season.                                | No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10.<br>No motors.             |
| to the lower Harriman State Park boundary.   | Trout                     | 0                       |   | Catch-and-release.   |
| From the lower Harriman State Park boundary upstream to the upper Harriman State Park boundary.                                  |                           | † †                     | Open June 15 — Nov 30                                 | Fly fishing only. See pg. 10.<br>Barbless hooks.<br>No motors. |
|  | Trout                     | 0                       |   | Catch-and-release.   |
| From the upper Harriman State Park boundary upstream to Island Park Dam.   |                           |                         | General stream season.                                | No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 10.<br>No motors.             |
|  | Trout                     | 0                       |   | Catch-and-release.   |
| From McCrea Bridge upstream to Macks Inn Bridge.   |                           |                         | General stream season.                                | No motors.   |
| From Henrys Lake Outlet upstream to the head of Big Springs.   |                           |                         | Closed to fishing.                                    |  |
| SNAKE RIVER, SOUTH FORK, from  |                           |                         | Open all year.  |  |
| its mouth upstream to the Palisades Dam. (see Dry Beds exception). Also see  | Cutthroat                 | 0                       |   | Catch-and-release.   |
| page 61.   | Brown                     | 2                       |   | None under 16".  |
|  | Rainbow<br>and<br>Hybrids | No limit                |   |  |
| SWAUGER LAKE   | Trout                     | 2                       |   | None under 20".  |
| TETON CREEK, and its tributaries.  | Cutthroat                 | 0                       | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                  | Catch-and-release.   |
| <b>TETON RIVER</b> , and its tributaries (See also Teton, Trail, and Fox creeks).  | Cutthroat                 | 0                       |   | Catch-and-release.   |
| THURMON CREEK, and its tributaries.  |                           |                         | Closed to fishing.                                    |  |
| <b>TRAIL CREEK</b> , and its tributaries (Teton River drainage).   | Cutthroat                 | 0                       | Open July 1 — Nov 30                                  | Catch-and-release.   |
| WARM RIVER, from its mouth to railroad tunnel except within the posted boundaries.   |                           |                         | Open Saturday<br>of Memorial Day<br>weekend — Sept 30 |  |
| Within the posted boundaries from Parker (Scheuller) cabin near the mouth of Robinson Creek upstream to State Highway 47 bridge. |                           |                         | Closed to fishing.                                    |  |

| Water                        | Daily<br>Bag Limit<br>Exceptions | Exceptions to<br>General Seasons | Special Rules |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| WILLOW CREEK, from Ririe Dam |                                  | Open all year.                   |               |

# Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork) Fishing Guide

Map for general reference only. See page 60 for specific boundaries.



## SOUTH FORK OF THE SNAKE RIVER YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT FISHERY

Native Yellowstone cutthroat trout are highly valued by South Fork anglers for their aggressive nature and fast growth. Non-native rainbow trout not only compete with Yellowstone cutthroat trout, but they also interbreed with them, producing hybrids. Hybridization is a serious threat to the native cutthroat trout fishery. IDFG is attempting to minimize the level of hybridization in the South Fork by encouraging anglers to harvest rainbow trout, and by using traps to prevent rainbows from spawning in important cutthroat trout spawning tributaries. With your support, these efforts will help insure this healthy Yellowstone cutthroat population and unique angling opportunity will be around for generations to come...so enjoy a shore lunch, or take some South Fork rainbow trout home for dinner - you'll be doing the fishery a favor!

Hybrid description: Cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids display variable color and markings representing a range of shared characteristics from rainbow and cutthroat trout. All hybrids show spotting patterns similar to rainbow trout with spots more evently distributed from head to tail and above and below the lateral line. Yellowstone cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids in the South Fork Snake River drainage are most easily identified by the presence of white fin tips.

